



Her Maestie being credibly enformed that the infection of the plague is at this present greatly increased and dispersed as wel in the Citie of London and Westminster, and other places neere adioyning to the same, and also in diuers other parts of this Realme. And considering that great perill and danger might ensue, not onely vnto her Maesties royall Person, but also to her most louing Subjects, if the people of all sorts, and out of all partes of this Realme should repaire and resort together for their suits and causes the next Terme commonly called Trinitie Terme: Hath therefore thought good by the aduise of her priue Counsell and Iustices of her Courts at Westminster to adiourne part of the same Terme, That is to say, from the second Returne of the saide Terme commonly called Octabis Trinitatis, vntill the fourth Returne of the same Terme commonly called

Tres Trinitatis, And that to bee for such causes onely, and for such intent and purpose, as hereafter is declared. And therefore her Maestie doeth hereby signifie and declare, that her will and pleasure is, that writs of adiournement shalbe directed to the Iustices of either Benche, and to the Judges of all other her Maesties Courtes to whome like writs haue bene vsually directed, Giving them authoritie to adiourne the sayde Terme from Octabis Trinitatis next, vntill Tres Trinitatis then next following. And the saide Adiournement to be made the first day of the sayde Octabis Trinitatis, called the day of Elloynes.

And whereas her Maestie considering in her princely wisdom what great prejudice might grow to many her good and louing Subjects in their causes and suites, if the next Terme should be wholly adiourned, hath therefore by the aduise of her saide Counsell and Iustices, determined to haue some part thereof to be holden and continued for some fewe daies in the beginning and ending of the same as is aforesaid. Her Highnesse most gracious intention in that behalfe is, that the same daies for which some part of the said Terme is to be holden, shal be vsed only for the better expediting and continuing of causes and suites, and returning and suing out of procelle, & for such other like things, which may be performed and done in the absence of the parties by their Atturneys. And therefore her Maestie doth by this her Proclamation signifie to al her louing Subjects that her will and pleasure is, that during the said Terme there shall not be any trialles by Iuries or any iudgements vpon Demurrers, or special verdicts, or such like, in any of her Highnesse Courts of Kings Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer. And also that there shall not be any iudiciall hearing or determining of any causes or matters in any of her Maesties Courts of Starre-chamber, Chauncery, Exchequer chamber, Court of Wardes, Duchie-chamber, or Court of Requests, sauing only orders to be giuen in the same last mentioned Courts the first, second and thirde dayes of the same Terme for the better directing & continuing of causes, and that no partie shal neede to be present in person for any such causes or suites, but the same may be attended and done by their Atturneys.

And her Maestie doth hereby further notifie and declare, that no party shal be compelled, or neede to appeare in person in any of her Maesties said Courts at any time during the saide next Terme, but may make their appearance by their Atturneys, sauing onely in cases of outlawrie, and other the cases mentioned in the prouiso hereafter following. And also that no Iuries, or anie whom the same may cōcerne, shalbe compelled or neede to appeare in any of her Highnesse Courts at Westminster at any time during the said Terme, for any cause or matter whatsoever, vnlesse it be for some special and important cause for her Maesties service only.

Provided neuerthelesse, and her Maesties pleasure and commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sherriffes and other Accountants, and all other persons, that should or ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money in any of her Maesties Courts of Exchequer, Court of Wardes and Liueries, or of her Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or enter into any Accompt in any of the sayde Courtes shal repayre to the accustomed places at Westminster, and there to pay and do in every behalfe as though no such Proclamation of Adiournement had bene had or made.

And her Highnesse further pleasure, and commandement is, that all Sherriffes shal retorne their writtes and procelle, against all such Accountantes and debtors at the dayes therein appointed: And if any person or persons, who ought to accompt or pay any summe or summes of money to her Maestie in any of the Courtes and places aforesayde, doe make default therein, that then her Highnesse writs and Proces shalbe awarded and sent forth against every such person & persons, and the same to be duly and orderly serued, and returned by the Sherriffes and Officers thereunto appoynted, in such like maner and forme, as the same shoulde haue bene if this present Proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sherriffe or other Officer shal make default, or be negligent in seruing, executing, or returning of any the writs and Procelle aforesayd: That then every such Sherriffe, and other Officer shal incurre such paynes and penalties as by the sayde Courtes shal be taxed and assessed. Willing and commanding all and every her Maesties Sherriffes, and other Officers, ministers, and Subjects, to whome it doth or shall appertaine, and by this her Highnesse Proclamation not dispensed withall, to keepe their assemblies and apparances with all their returnes and certificates in her Highnesse Courts at Westminster, in the sayde Crastino Trinitatis, and Tres Trinitatis, then and there to be holden and kept, as if this Proclamation had not bene had as they will answere to the contrarie at their perils.

Given at her Highnesse Maner of Monesuch, the xxviii. day of May, in the xxv. yeere of her Highnesse raigne. 1593.

God saue the Queene,

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